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No. 18,680-S.

CIVIL SUIT TO RECOVER TAXES PAID.

D. W. JOHNSTON, as Trustee in Bankruptcy of the Estate of DuPONT MILLING & SALES CORPORATION, a Bankrupt,

Plaintiff,

VS.

JOHN P. McLAUGHLIN, Collector of Internal Revenue,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT.

Comes now the above-named plaintiff and complains of above-named defendant, and for cause of action against said defendant alleges:

I.

That defendant is and at all times herein mentioned was the duly appointed, qualified and acting Collector of Internal Revenue of the United States for the First District of California.

II.

That DuPont Milling and Sales Corporation is and at all times herein mentioned was, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California.

III.

That in the month of December, 1929, the said DuPont Milling and Sales Corporation filed its voluntary petition in bankruptcy with the Clerk of the above-entitled court; that thereafter, pursuant to proceedings in said court in the cause therein entitled "In the Matter of the DuPont Milling and Sales Company, a Bankrupt, No. 18,735–K," said corporation [1*] was adjudicated a bankrupt; that thereafter, and on the 24th day of December, 1929, and in said proceedings, plaintiff was selected as trustee of said bankrupt estate, duly qualified as such, and ever since has been and now is the duly

 $[\]ensuremath{^{*}\mathrm{Page-number}}$ appearing at the foot of page of original certified Transcript of Record.

elected, qualified and acting trustee of the estate of said bankrupt.

IV.

That from and after the date of its incorporation, to wit, January, 1925, and until April 1, 1929, said DuPont Milling and Sales Corporation had and maintained its principal place of business at the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and during said time was engaged in the milling of rice and other commercial pursuits in said city and state; that during all of said time one Paul A. DuPont was the President of said corporation, and as such actively managed and controlled all the business and affairs of said corporation.

V.

That on or about March 15, 1928, said Paul A. DuPont as president of said corporation, made, signed, acknowledged and filed a return of purported net income of said corporation for the preceding year; that said return set forth as said net income of said corporation the sum of \$12,448.72; that pursuant to the provisions of the Revenue Act of the United States of 1926, an income tax amounting to \$1410.58 was thereafter levied by the defendant upon said purported net income, and said last-named sum was thereafter paid by said corporation to said defendant upon the following dates and in the following amounts:

March 15, 1928	\$352.65	
June 15, 1928	352.65	
September 15, 1928	352.64	
December 15, 1928	352.64	[2]

VI.

That said return and the statements therein made by said Paul A. DuPont are and were at the time of the making thereof, false and fraudulent, in that the said corporation had no net income and did not make any profit whatsoever during the year 1927, but on the contrary thereof, and in truth and in fact said corporation suffered and took a net loss during said year and was not liable for any tax upon any income for said year; that if the true facts had been stated in said return no tax liability would have accrued against said corporation, and said sum of \$1410.58 would not have been paid by said corporation or collected by defendant.

VII.

That after said 15th day of December, 1928, and before the commencement of this action, a claim for refund of said taxes, so as aforesaid paid to the defendant, was filed with the defendant as Collector of Internal Revenue as aforesaid, demanding a refund and repayment of said sum of \$1410.58, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the dates and upon the amounts of said payments as aforesaid; that neither said sum nor any part thereof has been repaid; that said claim for refund has never been allowed by the defendant as Collector as aforesaid, but upon the contrary has been by him rejected and payment thereof refused.

VIII.

That at the time of the making of said return and said payments, said corporation was insolvent and was largely indebted to persons, firms and corporations who are now creditors of said bankrupt estate; that there are not sufficient funds or property in said bankrupt estate to pay the claims proved against and now a charge against said [3] bankrupt estate, including the claim of the creditors aforesaid.

IX.

That the defendant has now the said sum of \$1410.58 so received by him as aforesaid, and holds the same for the use and benefit of the plaintiff.

WHEREFORE plaintiff prays judgment against said defendant in the sum of \$1410.58, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the respective dates of said payments as aforesaid.

CHARLES H. SOOY. CHARLES H. SOOY, NEIL LARKIN. NEIL LARKIN,

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MILTON NEWMARK, MILTON NEWMARK, Attorneys for Plaintiff. [4]

United States of America, State of California, City and County of San Francisco,—ss.

D. W. Johnston, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is the Trustee in Bankruptcy of the Estate of DuPont Milling and Sales Corporation, a Bankrupt, and the plaintiff in the above-entitled action; that he has read the foregoing complaint and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to those matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and as to those matters, that he believes it to be true.

D. W. JOHNSTON.
D. W. JOHNSTON,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this March 7th, 1930.

MARIE FORMAN.

[Seal]

MARIE FORMAN,

Notary Public in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

[Endorsed]: Filed Mar. 7, 1930. [5]

[Title of Court and Cause.]

ANSWER.

Comes now the defendant, John P. McLaughlin, by his attorney, George J. Hatfield, United States Attorney for the Northern District of California, and for answer to the complaint in the above-entitled action, admits, denies and alleges as follows:

I.

Admits the matters and things in Paragraph I of said complaint.

II.

Admits the matters and things in Paragraph II of said complaint.

III.

Admits the matters and things in Paragraph III of said complaint.

IV.

Answering all the allegations contained in Paragraph IV of said complaint, the defendant admits that from and after the date of its incorporation, to wit, January, 1925, and until April 1, 1929, said DuPont Milling and Sales Corporation had and maintained its principal place of business at the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and during said time was engaged in the milling of rice and other commercial pursuits in said City and State; admits that during all of said time one Paul A. DuPont was the president of said corporation, but denies, for lack of sufficient information to form a belief thereof, that said Paul A. DuPont actively managed and controlled all the business and affairs of said corporation. [6]

V.

Answering all the allegations contained in Paragraph V of said complaint, the defendant admits same and alleges further that W. B. Thompson, who was treasurer of the said corporation during the calendar year 1927, joined with Paul A. Du-Pont, as president of said corporation, in the preparation, signing, acknowledgment, and filing of the said return of the DuPont Milling and Sales Corporation.

VI.

Answering the allegations contained in Paragraph VI of said complaint, the defendant denies each and every allegation contained therein for lack of sufficient information to form a belief thereof.

VII.

Answering the allegations contained in Paragraph VII of said complaint, the defendant admits all of same, and alleges further that said claim for refund was forwarded by the defendant to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and that said Commissioner, after due consideration of said claim, rejected same in its entirety on August 16, 1929.

VIII.

Answering the allegations contained in Paragraph VIII of said complaint, the defendant denies each and every allegation contained therein, for lack of sufficient information to form a belief thereof.

IX.

Answering the allegations contained in Paragraph IX of said complaint, the defendant denies each and every allegation contained therein. [7]

And for a further and separate defense, the defendant alleges:

1. That on or about November 3, 1928, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue caused an examination to be made of the books and affairs of the Du-Pont Milling and Sales Corporation in connection with an audit of the income tax return filed by said

corporation for the calendar year 1927, and it was determined that said return was correct in all respects.

2. That on November 3, 1928, the plaintiff, Du-Pont Milling and Sales Corporation, by its then vice-president, Ralph D. Wilson, signed an "Agreement as to Final Determination of Tax liability"; that said agreement was completed on December 11, 1928, when same was signed by the then Commissioner of Internal Revenue, D. H. Blair, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, all in accordance with the provisions of Section 606 of the Revenue Act of 1928.

WHEREFOR, the defendant prays that the plaintiff take nothing by his action and that defendant have judgment for proper costs and for such other and further relief as may be just and proper in the premises.

GEO. J. HATFIELD,
United States Attorney,
Attorney for the Defendant.
By ESTHER B. PHILLIPS,
Asst. United States Attorney. [8]

United States of America, Northern District of California, City and County of San Francisco,—ss.

John P. McLaughlin, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of California and the defendant in the above-entitled action; that he has read the foregoing answer and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

JOHN P. McLAUGHLIN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of April, 1930.

[Seal] RAYMOND HASKINS,

Notary Public in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

My commission expires Sept. 20, 1931.

Received April 4, 1930.

C. H. SOOY, Atty. for Plaintiff.

[Endorsed]: Filed Apr. 9, 1930. [9]

[Title of Court and Cause.]

AGREED STATEMENT OF FACTS.

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto, by their respective attorneys, that the following facts, together with the facts alleged in the complaint and admitted by the answer in this cause, shall be taken as true, without prejudice, however, to the right of either party to introduce other and further evidence not inconsistent with the facts herein stipulated to be true. It is further stipulated that this cause may be tried by the court sitting without a jury.

T.

That the Collector of Internal Revenue, defendant herein, accepted payment of income taxes from the DuPont Milling & Sales Corporation in the sum of \$1,410.58, for the tax year 1927, as shown by said corporation's income tax return, with no knowledge of the facts reported in such return other than as they were therein stated.

II.

That said income tax return referred to in Paragraph I above, should have reflected a net loss for said year 1927 instead of a net income of \$12,448.72 and upon which said net loss no income tax liability would have been due.

III.

That the books of account of the DuPont Milling & Sales Corporation had been intentionally prepared and kept under the direction of the president of said corporation, who owned and/or controlled more than majority of its corporate stock, in such manner as to conceal and for the purpose of concealing from those stockholders, directors and/or [10] creditors of the corporation, who were not acting in aid or assistance of him, the fact that the corporation had suffered a net loss for the year 1927.

IV.

That said income tax return for said year was likewise intentionally prepared in such way, and tax paid thereon, for the purpose of concealing from those stockholders, directors and creditors of the corporation, who were not acting in collusion with the

president of the corporation, the fact that it had suffered a net loss for the year 1927.

V.

That after said return was filed, an Internal Revenue agent of San Francisco, acting in the usual course, made an audit of the DuPont Milling & Sales Company's books and tax return for 1927, approved the tax return and recommended that an agreement be entered into with said taxpayer for a final determination of its tax liability for the year 1927 and that he was in ignorance that the facts were other than as they appeared upon the return and in the books of the DuPont Milling & Sales Corporation.

VI.

That the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, acting upon the basis of the tax return, the audit and the report of the Internal Revenue agent at San Francisco, referred to above in Paragraph V, entered into an agreement with the taxpayer for a final determination of the tax, without knowledge that the facts were other than as they appeared in the return and upon the audit.

VII.

That a photostatic copy of the corporate income tax return of the DuPont Milling & Sales Corporation for the tax year 1927, marked Exhibit "A," [post, p. 21], being a true and correct [11] copy of the original as filed by said corporation with the defendant, is attached hereto and is hereby admitted in evidence is this cause by the parties.

VII.

That a photostatic copy of the agreement entered into by and between the DuPont Milling & Sales Corporation and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, marked Exhibit "B," with a photostatic copy of the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury marked Exhibit "C," being true and correct copies of the originals of said documents now on file with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, are attached hereto and are hereby admitted in evidence in this cause by the parties.

FITZGERALD, ABBOTT and BEARDSLEY, BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON,

MILTON NEWMARK, C. H. SOOY, NEIL E. LARKIN,

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ESTHER B. PHILLIPS,

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Asst. U. S. Attorney, (Attorneys for Defendant).

Dated: Feby. 2d, 1931.

(Here follow Exhibits "A," "B" and "C.")

[Endorsed]: Filed Feb. 2, 1931. [12]

[Title of Court and Cause.]

SUPPLEMENT TO AGREED STATEMENT OF FACTS.

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto by their respective attorneys that the following is true:

I.

That there are now in existence creditors of the DuPont Milling and Sales Corporation who were creditors of said Corporation as of March 15, 1928.

II.

That parts of the credits owing to these creditors at the present time are made up of credits owing to such creditors as of March 15, 1928.

III.

That this stipulation is made as a supplement to the agreed statement of facts heretofore filed in this case and may be deemed a part of it.

Dated Feb. 13, 1931.

C. H. SOOY,
NEIL E. LARKIN,
(Attorneys for Plaintiff).
GEO. J. HATFIELD,
ESTHER B. PHILLIPS,
(Attorneys for Defendant).

[Endorsed: Filed Feb. 13, 1931. [13]

In the Southern Division of the United States District Court, for the Northern District of California.

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Defendant.

JUDGMENT.

This cause having come on regularly for trial upon the 3d day of February, 1931, before the Court sitting without a jury, a trial by jury having been waived by oral stipulation; Neil E. Larkin, Esquire, appearing as attorney for plaintiff and Esther B. Phillips, Assistant United States Attorney, appearing as attorney for defendant, and oral and documentary evidence having been intorudced and closed, and the cause having been submitted to the Court for consideration and decision, and Court after due deliberation having rendered its decision and ordered that judgment be entered herein in favor of defendant and for costs:

Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the premises aforesaid, it is considered by the Court that plaintiff take nothing by this action, and that defendant go hereof without day, and that

said defendant do have and recover of and from said plaintiff his costs herein expended taxed at \$15.00.

Judgment entered this 22d day of April, 1931.

WALTER B. MALING,

Clerk. [14]

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BILL OF EXCEPTIONS.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 7th day of March, 1930, the above-entitled action was commenced by the filing of a complaint and the issuance of a summons; that thereafter and on or about the 4th day of April, 1930, the defendant appeared therein and filed his answer to said complaint.

AND BE IT FURTHER REMEMBERED that the above-entitled cause came on regularly for trial before the above-entitled court, sitting without a jury, a jury having been waived by both parties, on or about the 3d day of February, 1931, Honorable A. F. St. Sure, United States District Judge, presiding, Charles H. Sooy, Neil E. Larkin, Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley, Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison and Milton Newmark appearing as attorneys for plaintiff and Geo. J. Hatfield, United States Attorney, and Esther B. Phillips, Assistant United States Attorney, appearing as attorneys for defendant, whereupon the following proceedings were had.

The parties thereupon made and filed the following stipulations in writing:

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Asst. U. S. Attorney,

(Attorney for Defendant).

Dated: Feb. 2d, 1931.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff.

GEO. J. HATFIELD,

U. S. Attorney,

ESTHER B. PHILLIPS.

Asst. U. S. Attorney,

(Attorneys for Defendant).

(Here follows Exhibit "A.") [19]

EXHIBIT "A."

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON.

March 29, 1930.

PURSUANT to Section 882 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby certify that the annexed is a true copy of Corporation Income Tax Returns for 1927, (with schedules and Certificate of Inventory—(Form 1126 attached), filed by Du Pont Milling and Sales Corporation, San Francisco, California, the originals of which are on file in this Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the Treasury Department to be affixed, on the day and year first above written.

By direction of the Secretary:

[Seal] F. A. BIRGFELD,

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DU PONT MILLING & SALES CORPORATION 140 Front Street,

San Francisco California.

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Mill Revenue\$78713.08	
Commissions 3834.78	
Interest 1432.08	
Miscellaneous 679.06	
Storage 1806.35	
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Insurance	
Telephone & Cables 3512.63	
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Auto 816.20	
Freight 2254.05	\$12124.02
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Travel	
Inspection Fees 151.50	

Commissions	6.00
Miscellaneous120	7.15
Collections 101	5.95
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U. S. Internal Revenue CERTIFICATE OF INVENTORY

(To be filed with Collector of Internal Revenue with Income Tax Return)

For Calendar Year 1927

Or for fiscal year begun January 1, 1927, and ended December 31, 1927.

Name-Du Pont Milling & Sales Corporation.

Address-140 Front Street, San Francisco, California.

Number of sheets submitted herewith-PRINCIPAL CERTIFICATE

I swear (or affirm) that the closing inventory of the taxpayer named above, amounting to \$212369.22, was taken under my direction, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief is true and complete in every respect; that the method of pricing the raw material, work in process, and finished goods was at *cost or market whichever is lower that I have carefully read all of the instructions on the reverse side of this form; that this inventory was taken in accordance therewith; and that the following-named persons whose separate certificates are subscribed hereon or attached hereto are the officers and employees under whose personal direction the various parts of this inventorv were taken:

	Name	Title or position	Part of inventory taken	Amount
w.	B. Thompson	Secretary	Rice & Rice Products	\$1639 50.84
F.	C. Kearfott	Accountant		\$ 38 581.28
Jar	nes W. Means	Supt. Feed Mill	Feed Products	\$ 6000.72
Wn	a. P. Lapoint	Clerk	Misc. Mdse.	\$ 1897.82
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of March, 1928.

W. B. THOMPSON,

(Signature)

M. Hugo (Signature of officer administering oath) I. R. Agent (Title)

Secy-Treas.

(Title)

*State "cost" or "cost or market, whichever is lower." If any other basis was used, describe fully, state why used and date on which inventory was last reconciled with stock.

SUBSIDIARY CERTIFICATE

I (or we), the undersigned employees of the taxpayer named above, swear (or affirm) that I (or we) personally directed and observed the taking of the parts of the inventory set opposite my (or our) names, and, to the best of my (or our) knowledge and belief, is true and complete in every respect; that I (or we) have carefully read the instructions on the reverse side of this form and that the parts of the inventory for which I am (or we are) responsible was taken in accordance therewith.

Signature	Title or position	Part of inventory taken
W. B. Thompson	Secretary	Rice & Rice Products
F. C. Kearfott	Accountant	
James W. Means	Supt. Feed Mill	Feed Products
Wm. P. Lapoint	Clerk	Misc. Mdse.
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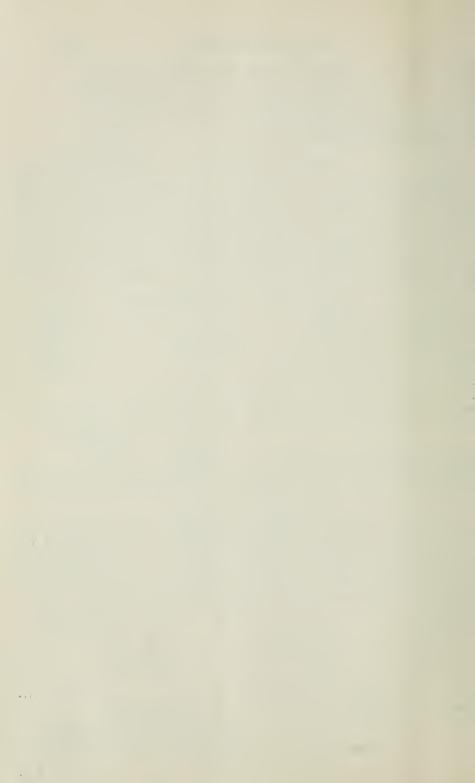
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of March, 1928. [Seal] W. W. HEALEY,

(Signature of officer administering oath)

Notary Public in and for the City and County of San Francisco.

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EXHIBIT "B."

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON.

March 29, 1930.

Pursuant to Section 882 of the Revised Statutes, I hereby certify that the annexed is a true copy of Agreement as to final Determination of Tax Liability for 1927, in the amount of \$1,410.58, signed November 3, 1928 by the DuPont Milling and Sales Corporation, San Francisco, California, the originals of which are on file in this department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the Treasury Department to be affixed on the day and year first above written.

By direction of the Secretary.

WVP

F. A. BIRGFELD,
Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.
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AGREEMENT AS TO FINAL DETERMINATION OF TAX LIABILITY.

This Agreement, made in duplicate under and in pursuance of Section 606 of the Revenue Act of 1928, by and between DuPont Milling and Sales Corporation a taxpayer residing at, or having its principal place of business at at 140 Front Street, San Francisco, California, and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue;

Whereas, there has been a determination of the tax liability of said taxpayer in respect of Federal Income Taxes for the year 1927 in the principal sum of One Thousand Four Hundred Ten Dollars and Fifty Eight Cents (\$1,410.58); and

Whereas, said taxpayer hereby agrees to this determination and consents to the assessment and collection of any deficiency in tax included in the amount of the principal [20] tax liability so determined, together with any penalty or interest, applicable thereto as provided by law, and/or to accept any abatement, credit, or refund, made in accordance with such determination, together with any interest due thereon as provided by law;

Now, This Agreement Witnesseth, that said taxpayer and said commissioner of Internal Revenue hereby mutually agree that the principal amount of such liability so determined shall be final and conclusive if and when this agreement is approved by the Secretary of the Treasurer or the Undersecretary.

In Witness Whereof, the above parties have subscribed their names to these presents in duplicate.

Signed this 3rd day of November, 1928.

DuPONT MILLING & SALES COR-PORATION,

Taxpayer.

(Seal) By RALPH D. WILSON, V. P. Signed Dec. 11, 1928.

D. H. BLAIR,

Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The above agreement has been approved by the

Secretary of the Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of Section 606 of the Revenue Act of 1928, the approval being specifically enumerated on Schedule 620.

Dated Dec. 11, 1928. BF FFL CPS CBA E-1

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INSTRUCTIONS.

The agreement should be signed by the taxpayer, if possible. Whenever it is necessary to have the agreement executed by an attorney or agent on behalf of the taxpayer, an authenticated copy of the document, specifically [21] authorizing such agent or attorney to sign the agreement on behalf of the taxpayer shall accompany the agreement.

If the agreement is signed by the administrator, executor, or trustee on behalf of an estate or trust, an attested copy of the letters testamentary, or the order of the court vesting such person with authority to so act, together with a certificate to the effect that such authority remains in full force and effect must be submitted with the agreement.

Where the taxpayer is a corporation, the agreement shall be signed by the corporate name, followed by the signature and title of an officer having authority to bind the corporation, and his signature shall be attested by the secretary of the corporation over the corporate seal. In the absence of a seal a certified copy of the resolutions of the Board of Directors specifically authorizing an officer or officers to enter into the agreement shall be filed with the agreement.

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EXHIBIT "C."

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON.

December 23, 1930.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 661, Chapter 17, Title 28 of the United States Code (Section 882 of the Revised Statutes of the United States), I hereby certify that the annexed is a true copy of Schedule No. 620, dated December 11, 1928, approved December 13, 1928 by A. W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, showing approval of agreement as to final determination of income tax liability for 1927, [22] in the amount of \$1,410.58, in the case of DuPont Milling and Sales Corporation; on file in this Department.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Treasury Department to be affixed on the day and year first above written.

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

(Seal) F. A. BIRGFELD,

Chief Clerk, Treasury Dept.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON.

December 11, 1928.

Officer of Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following schedule of cases proposed to be closed by agreement, and ask your approval of my action in entering into the agreements with the taxpayers, listed as to final determination for the years indicated of income tax.

Name of Taxpayer Years Covered Tax Liability.
by Agreement

DuPont Milling and

Sales Corporation. 1927 \$1,410.58

Respectfully,

D. H. BLAIR, Commissioner. Schedule W 620.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Office of the Secretary.

December 13, 1928.

Approved.

A. W. MELLON,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Letters mailed Dec. 14, 1928. [23]

AND BE IT FURTHER REMEMBERED that thereafter the said Court ordered that judgment be entered for defendant, to which ruling and order of the Court the plaintiff then and there duly excepted and hereby designates as

PLAINTIFF'S EXCEPTION No. 1.

AND BE IT FURTHER REMEMBERED that thereafter and pursuant to said last-mentioned order of said Court, to wit, on or about the 22d day of April, 1931, judgment was entered in favor of the defendant and against plaintiff, to which judgment plaintiff then and there duly excepted and hereby designates as

PLAINTIFF'S EXCEPTION No. 2.

Now, within the time allowed by law, plaintiff's counsel presents the foregoing as their proposed bill of exception in the above-entitled action, and prays that the same may be settled and allowed.

Dated: this 10th day of July, 1931.

C. H. SOOY. C. H. SOOY. NEIL E. LARKIN. NEIL E. LARKIN.

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STIPULATION FOR ALLOWANCE OF BILL OF EXCEPTIONS.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED that the foregoing bill of exceptions was presented by plaintiff within the time allowed by law therefor and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had at the trial of the above-entitled action, and that the same may be certified, [24] allowed and settled as provided by law and the practice of said court by Hon. A. F. St. Sure, United States District Judge, who presided at the trial of said cause.

Dated: July 10, 1931.

C. H. SOOY. C. H. SOOY, NEIL E. LARKIN, NEIL E. LARKIN,

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MILTON NEWMARK.
MILTON NEWMARK,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
GEO. J. HATFIELD,

U. S. Attorney,

GEO. J. HATFIELD,
By ESTHER B. PHILLIPS.
ESTHER B. PHILLIPS,

Asst. U. S. Attorney, Attorneys for Defendant.

ORDER SETTLING AND ALLOWING BILL OF EXCEPTIONS.

I, the undersigned, Judge of the District Court of the United States, do hereby certify that the foregoing bill of exceptions having been presented within the time allowed by law therefor, is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had at the trial of said action, and do hereby settle and allow the same and order that said bill of exceptions be filed with the Clerk of this court.

Dated: Aug. 4, 1931.

A. F. ST. SURE, United States District Judge. [25]

Receipt of a copy of the within plaintiff's proposed bill of exceptions is hereby admitted this ——day of June, 1931.

Attorney for Defendant.

Receipt of a copy of the within plaintiff's proposed bill of exceptions is hereby admitted this June 26, 1931.

GEO. J. HATFIELD, Attorney for Defendant.

[Endorsed]: Filed Aug. 4, 1931. [26]

[Title of Court and Cause.]

PETITION FOR APPEAL.

The above-named plaintiff D. W. Johnston, as Trustee in Bankruptcy of the Estate of DuPont Milling and Sales Corporation, considering himself aggrieved by the judgment rendered and entered in the above-entitled action on the 22d day of April, 1931, which said judgment is to the effect that plaintiff take nothing by his complaint, and that defendant have judgment against plaintiff for his costs, hereby appeals from said judgment to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and said plaintiff prays that this, his appeal to said United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit may be allowed, and that a transcript of the record, papers and pleadings upon which said judgment was made, duly authenticated, may be sent to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Dated: San Francisco, California, this 25th day of June, 1931.

C. H. SOOY, C. H. SOOY, NEIL E. LARKIN, NEIL E. LARKIN,

FITZGERALD, ABBOTT & BEARDS-LEY.

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BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON,

MILTON NEWMARK.
MILTON NEWMARK,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

[Endorsed]: Filed Jun. 25, 1931. [27]

[Title of Court and Costs.]

ASSIGNMENT OF ERRORS.

Comes now the plaintiff above named and files the following assignment of errors upon which he will rely upon the prosecution of his appeal in the above-entitled action from the judgment entered therein on the 22d day of April, 1931:

- 1. That the evidence was and is insufficient to justify the decision and judgment of said District Court.
- 2. That said judgment of the District Court is contrary to the evidence.
- 3. That said District Court erred in rendering and entering judgment for defendant in said action in that said judgment is contrary to the law and the facts.

WHEREFORE said plaintiff prays that judgment of the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California, Southern Division, hereinabove referred to, be reversed, and for such other and further relief as may be proper in the premises.

C. H. SOOY,
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FITZGERALD, ABBOTT & BEARDS-LEY,

FITZGERALD, ABBOTT & BEARDS-LEY, BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRI-SON.

BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON,

MILTON NEWMARK,
MILTON NEWMARK,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

[Endorsed]: Filed Jun. 25, 1931. [28]

[Title of Court and Cause.]

ORDER ALLOWING APPEAL AND FIXING AMOUNT OF BOND.

On motion of C. H. Sooy, one of the attorneys for the plaintiff above named,—

IT IS ORDERED that the appeal of said plaintiff to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from the judgment rendered and entered in the above-entitled action on the 22d day of April, 1931, be, and the same is hereby allowed, and that a duly authenticated transcript of the record, papers and proceedings on which said judgment was made be sent to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said plaintiff file with the Clerk of this court a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$250.00 conditioned as required by law, to cover prosecution of this appeal and damages, judgment and costs, and that said bond on appeal shall operate as and constitute a supersedeas bond.

Dated: June 25, 1931.

A. F. ST. SURE, United States District Judge.

Receipt of copy of the within order allowing appeal and fixing amount of bond is hereby admitted this 26 day of June, 1931.

GEO. J. HATFIELD, Attorney for Defendant.

[Endorsed]: Filed Jun. 26, 1931. [29]

PREMIUM CHARGED FOR THIS BOND IS \$10.00 PER ANNUM.

AMERICAN SURETY COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

Organized in 1884.

[Title of Court and Cause.]

UNDERTAKING FOR COSTS ON APPEAL.

WHEREAS, D. W. Johnston, as Trustee in Bankruptcy of the Estates of Dupont Milling & Sales Corporation, a Bankrupt, in the above-entitled action is about to appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from a judgment entered against him in said action in said United States District Court, in and for the Northern District of California, Southern Division, in favor of John P. McLaughlin, and for costs of suit,—

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, and of such appeal, the undersigned, American Surety Company of New York, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and duly authorized to transact a general surety business in the State of California, does undertake and promise on the part of the appellant, that the said appellant will pay all costs which may be awarded against him on the appeal, or on a dismissal thereof, not exceeding the sum of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars, to which amount it acknowledges itself bound.

It is further stipulated as a part of the foregoing bond, that in case of the breach of any condition thereof, [30] the above-named District Court may, upon notice to the Surety above named, American Surety Company of New York, of not less than ten days, proceed summarily in the action, suit, case or proceeding in which the same was given to ascertain the amount which such sureties are bound to pay on account of such breach, and render judgment therefor against them, and award execution therefor.

Signed and Sealed at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of June, 1931.

AMERICAN SURETY COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

By K. F. WARRACK,
Resident Vice-president.
Attest: B. DUCRAY,
Resident Assistant Secretary.

[Seal]

Approved:

A. F. ST. SURE, District Judge.

State of California, City and County of San Francisco.

On this 26th day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, before me, John McCallan, a notary public in and for said City and County, state aforesaid, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared K. F. Warrack and B. Ducray, known to me to be the Resident Vice-President and Resident Assistant Secretary respectively of the American Surety Company of New York, the corporation described in and that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and known to me to be the persons who executed the said instrument on behalf of the said corporation, and they both duly acknowledge to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office, in the said City and County of San Francisco, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

[Seal] JOHN McCALLAN,

Notary Public in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

My commission expires Apr. 12, 1933.

[Endorsed]: Filed Jun. 26, 1931. [31]

[Title of Court and Cause.]

PRAECIPE FOR TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD.

To the Clerk of Said Court:

Sir: Please prepare record on appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in the above-entitled matter, and include therein the following papers and documents:

Complaint.

Answer.

Stipulation of facts and waiver of jury, together with three exhibits attached to said stipulations marked Exhibits "A," "B," and "C."

Judgment.

Bill of exceptions.

Petition for appeal.

Assignment of errors.

Order allowing appeal and fixing amount of bond.

Bond on appeal.

Citation on appeal with admission of service. This praccipe.

C. H. SOOY,

C. H. SOOY,

NEIL E. LARKIN.

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BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON,
BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON,
MILTON NEWMARK,
MILTON NEWMARK,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Receipt of a copy of the within praccipe is hereby admitted this June 25, 1931.

GEO. J. HATFIELD, Attorney for Defendant.

[Endorsed]: Filed Jun. 26, 1931. [32]

[Title of Court and Cause.]

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK U. S. DISTRICT COURT TO TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD.

I, Walter B. Maling, Clerk of the District Court of the United States, in and for the Northern District of California, do hereby certify the foregoing 32 pages, numbered from 1 to 32, inclusive, to be a full, true and correct copy of the record and proceedings as enumerated in the praecipe for record on appeal, as the same remain on file and of record in the above-entitled suit, in the office of the Clerk of said court, and that the same constitutes the record on appeal to the United States Circuit of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

I further certify that the cost of the foregoing transcript of record is \$13.55; that the said amount was paid by the plaintiff and appellant, and that the original citation issued in said suit is hereto annexed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said District Court this 21st day of August, A. D. 1931.

[Seal] WALTER B. MALING, Clerk, United States District Court for the Northern District of California. [33]

CITATION ON APPEAL.

United States of America,—ss.

The President of the United States of America to John P. McLaughlin, Defendant, GREET-ING:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND ADMON-ISHED to be and appear at a United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, to be holden at the City of San Francisco, in the State of California, within thirty days from the date hereof, pursuant to an order allowing an appeal, of record in the Clerk's office of the United States District Court for the Southern Division of the Northern District of California, wherein D. W. Johnston, as Trustee in Bankruptcy, etc., is appellant, and you are appellee, to show cause, if any there be, why the decree or judgment rendered against the said appellant, as in the said order allowing appeal mentioned, should not be corrected, and why speedy justice should not be done to the parties in that behalf.

WITNESS, the Honorable A. F. ST. SURE United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, this 25th day of June, A. D. 1931.

> A. F. ST. SURE, United States District Judge.

Rec'd this 26 day of June, 1931.

GEO. J. HATFIELD.

Filed Jun. 26, 1931. [34]

[Endorsed]: No. 6586. United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. D. W. Johnston, as Trustee in Bankruptcy of the Estate of DuPont Milling & Sales Corporation, Bankrupt, Appellant, vs. John P. McLaughlin, Collector of Internal Revenue, Appellee. Transcript of Record. Upon Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division.

Filed August 21, 1931.

PAUL P. O'BRIEN,

Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.